

INKULUMO KANGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHA, UKUPHEPHA NOKUXHUMANISA UMPHAKATHI KWAZULU-NATAL UMNUZ BHEKI CELE ENKONZWENI KASIYABAKHUMBULA MHLAKA 14 OCTOBER 2007

Ngiyanibingelela nonke

- Kusukela ngo-2005, inyanga ka-October ithathwa njengenyanga yezokuthutha kuzwelonke iNational Transport Month. Ngomhlaka 2 October, sasethula ngokomthetho uhlelo lwethu lwenyanga esifundazweni, kusuka lapho silokhu sehla senyuka siqinisekisa ukuthi abantu bakithi baqonda kahle ngokuphepha emgwaqeni.
- Kuyajabulisa ukuthi sihlangane sibe baningi kangaka lapha namhlanje.
 Ngineqiniso lokuthi sonke size lapha ngenhloso yokuzonxusa uMdali ukuthi asilekelele ukubhekana nezinselelo zalo mhlaba.
- I am therefore delighted to see so many of us gathered here today together with religious leaders and their congregations from different religious faiths, who have come together to pray with officials from the

Department of Transport and the Hibicus Coast Municipality, for divine intervention in our efforts to reduce deaths on our roads.

- We all know that few months ago, we came to this area three times for memorial services for people who died on our roads. I am talking about 29 people who died in a space of just three weeks. I know that this may be statistics to others but statistics don't die, people die on the roads.
- When we met with the Mayor of Hibiscus Coast Nolwazi Shusha during those memorial services, we though that it would be necessary to call this service to remember those who passed away, but particularly, to pray together for God's intervention.
- There is greater spiritual power when believers pray together with unity of purpose. In Mathew 18 of the Bible, Jesus taught not only the power of prayer, but also the power of agreement in prayer.
- He said that when multiple believers agree in prayer, His Father would give them anything for which they ask. Because in united prayer, said Jesus - even in small groups of two or three - He Himself would be uniquely manifest.

- We at the KZN Department of Transport are firmly of the belief that
 religious communities must play a more active role in "spreading the
 gospel of road safety". It is on that score that we have interfaith
 programme where we encourage the entire religious community of
 KwaZulu-Natal to participate actively in our struggle against road crashes.
- This is a clear indication that government is working tirelessly to ensure that South Africa becomes a better place for all. However, in order to adequately reduce the carnage, a concerted approach by all sectors of our society is urgently required.
- As we head towards the forthcoming December Holidays, I would like to
 urge all religious communities to continue to play a more active role in
 spreading the gospel of safety by ensuring that our safety messages go
 right down to grassroots level.
- Jesus told his disciples that those who hear His words, and fail to do them, are like a house without a foundation that is destroyed when the storms come. There are thousands of road users, who have heard our road safety messages over and over again, yet they fail to practise what they hear.
- As part our Transport Month, yesterday we launched our provincial structure for public transport passengers, the KwaZulu-Natal Public Transport Passenger Association (KZN-PTPA). We have already established local associations all over the province.

- Here, we are saying today passengers speak out. We are saying
 passengers participate in decisions relating to your transportation. We are
 saying now passengers you have the power in your hands through these
 structures. You can now speak with one voice in ensuring that the public
 transport system in KwaZulu-Natal does not take you for granted.
- Gone are the days when road safety was perceived as only government's responsibility. The time has come for that perception to be urgently corrected as safety should be close to all our hearts. After all, it concerns the protection of our most precious gift - our very life.
- In closing, I would like to recognise religious denominations and organisations for making a meaningful impact in shaping societal behaviour and attitudes. Indeed, we appreciate your efforts.
- Finally, continue to work and pray with unity of purpose and without ceasing for a safer South Africa, where the number of road accidents and incidents of crime will be significantly reduced.

I thank you

Ezinyangeni ezimbalwa ezidlule kuze kube uLwesine olwedlule,
 bengihlangana nomphakathi wamakholwa ezindaweni ezahlukene

zesifundazwe, ezinkonzweni zesikhumbuzo zabantu abashone emigwaqeni yethu. Lena ngenye yezinselelo okumele siyikhulekele kuMdali asilekelele kuyona.

- Kuba nesisindo uma amakholwa ethandaza ndawonye. Encwadini kaMatewu 18 eBhayibhelini, uJesu akafundisi ngamandla omkhuleko kuphela, kodwa ufundisa nangamandla okuhlangana emkhulekweni.
- Uthi uma abangamakholwa behlangana emkhulekweni, uYise uyabanika abakucelayo. Ngoba uma bekhuleka ngokuhlanganyela, kusho uJesu – noma bebabili noma bebathathu – Yena uyoba phakathi kwabo.
- Njengoba sihlangene lapha ngenhloso efanayo, mhlambe kumele phakathi kokunye, sicele iNkosi isisize ezinkingeni eziphathele nokuphepha emigwaqeni nasemphakathini wethu nje jikelele.
- NjengoMnyango wezokuThutha sikholwa kakhulu ukuthi imiphakathi
 yezenkolo kumele ibambe iqhaza ekusabalaliseni ivangeli lokuphepha
 emgwaqeni. Njengamanje sinohlelo lwamaBandla ezenkolo lapho
 sikhuthaza khona zonke izinkolo KwaZulu-Natal ukuthi zibambe iqhaza
 kulo mzabalazo wokulwa nezingozi.
- Lokhu kucacisa kahle ukuzibophezela kukahulumeni ukuqinisekisa ukuthi iNingizimu Afrika iba ngengcono kubantu bonke. Nokho, ukuze sehlise izingozi, kudingeka yonke imikhakha emphakathini wethu ibambe iqhaza ngokushesha.

- Njengoba sibheke kumaholide kaDecember, ngithanda ukunxusa wonke umphakathi wamakholwa ukuthi uqhubeke nokubamba iqhaza ekusabalaliseni umyalezo wokuphepha, baqinisekise ukuthi umyalezo uyafinyelela emazingeni aphansi.
- UJesu watshela abafundi bakhe ukuthi labo abezwa izwi laKhe, kodwa bahluleke ukulenza, bafana nendlu engenaso isisekelo ecekeleka phansi uma kufika isiphepho. Kunezinkulungwane zabantu abasebenzisa umgwaqo asebewuzwile umyalezo wokuphepha emgwaqeni, kodwa bayahluleka ukwenza abatshelwa kona.
- Njengoba iningi lenu lazi, lapha KwaZulu-Natal sesasuka ku "ZERO
 TOLERANCE saya ku-100% COMPLIANCE", okusho ukuthobela yonke
 imithetho yomgwaqo. Kulabo abahluleka ukuthobela yonke imithetho,
 kumele bazi ukuthi "Alufakwa KwaZulu-Natal lubuya nawe".
- Sesadlula isikhathi lapho ukuphepha emgwaqeni kwakuthathwa
 njengomthwalo kahulumeni kuphela. Kudingeka siwulungise ngokushesha
 lo mqondo ngoba ukuphepha ngokwethu sonke. Phezu kwakho konke,
 lapha sikhuluma ngesipho esiyigugu esivela kuMdali impilo yethu.
- Mangiphethe ngokuthulela isigqoko izinhlangano zamaBandla anjengeTwelve Apostle Church in Christ ngegalelo lazo ekulungiseni indlela yokuziphatha emiphakathini.

• Qhubekani nisebenze nithandaze ngokuhlanganyela ninxuse ukuthi iNingizimu Afrika iphephe, kwehle ubugebengu nezingozi zomgwaqo.

Ngiyabonga